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SUBJ: KEREKOU'S TRIP: NO SIGNS OF NEW AID YET: ABSENCE OF JOINT
COMMUNIQUE FROM PYONGYANG, VISIT TO ROMANIA ANNOUNCED

REF: COTONOU 1108

1. PRESIDENT KEREKOU COMPLETED HIS VISIT TO NORTH KOREA, FOLL-
OWING A BRIEF STOPOVER IN SOMALIA AND IS NOW IN CHINA. THE GPRB
SUNDAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL VISIT ROMANIA AT THE INVITATION OF
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU.

2. IN THE LOCAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF HIS NORTH KOREAN VISIT THERE
HAVE BEEN NO HINTS OF ANY NEW AID FORTHCOMING. WE NOTE WITH
PARTICULAR INTEREST THE APPARENT ABSENCE OF ANY JOINT COMMUNI-
QUE AS CUSTOM WOULD SEEM TO DICTATE. FOR SEOUL: WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT NONE WAS ISSUED. IF THERE
WERE A COMMUNIQUE COULD YOU PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON
ITS CONTENTS.

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3. THE GPRB NEWSPAPER EHUZU, JULY 19, PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF A SPEECH DELIVERED BY KEREKOU AT A BANQUET IN PEKING ON JULY 15. THE SPEECH CONTAINED THE EXPECTED PRAISE OF CHINA, COMPLIMENTS FOR CHINA'S POSITION ON UN CHARGER REVISION AND LAW OF THE SEA, AND THANKS FOR CHINA'S AID TO BEMCN. IT ALSO CONTAINED A SUBTLE PLEA FOR MORE CHINESE AID. AS KEREKOU PUT IT QUOTE BUT, IF THE WILL TO COOPERATE (MEANING TO GIVE AID) CAN IMPRESS ITSELF BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, WE SINCERELY THINK THAT IT CAN BE EXPRESSED WITH EVEN MORE FORCE AND PROMINENCE BETWEEN THE PRC AND PRB WHICH ARE BOTH ENGAGED ON THE SAME PATH AND CONSEQUENTLY LEAD THE SAME STRUGGLE UNQUOTE. HIS REMARKS CARRIED OTHER REFERENCES TO HOPES FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE. MINLSTER OF INTERIOR AZONHIHO TOLD THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR JUST PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY THAT THE TOUR WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE WHO BENIN'S FRIENDS REALLY ARE. IN THE BENINESE LEXICON THAT MEANS TO DETERMINE IF MORE AID COULD BE WRUNG OUT OF THE COMMUNIST STATES.

4. COMMENT: IF NO NEW AID IS FORTHCOMING, WE MIGHT FIND A DISILLUSIONED KEREKOU RETURNING TO COTONOU. IT WOULD INDEED BE AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IF HE HAD TO ADMIT ON HIS RETURN THAT BENIN'S "TRUE FRIENDS" WERE NOT TO BE FOUND IN THE "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES VISITED. FOR OUR PART, WE CAN WELL IMAGINE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS VISITED ALREADY CONSIDER THIS REGIME SO COMMITTED TO THEIR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY THAT THEIR FOREIGN AID MIGHT BETTER BE DEVOTED TO LESS CONVINCED AND MORE VISIBLE THIRD-WORLD NATIONS.
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